

Appl. No. 09/811,711

Art Unit 3627

Reply to Office action of October 19, 2004

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-6 (canceled)

Claims 12-20 (withdrawn)

Missing these Claims 7

Claim 7 (currently amended): A computerized method for auctioning products or services over a computer network, comprising the steps of:

initiating an auction in response to a request from an auctioneer computer;

in response to the initiation of the auction, receiving one or more bids from each of a first plurality of ~~bidders~~ bidder computers;

selecting a second plurality of bidder computers ~~bidders~~ from the first plurality of ~~bidders~~ bidder computers;

designating, in turn, each one of the second plurality of bidder computers ~~bidders~~ as a select bidder computer ~~bidder~~ until one of an acceptance of either a bid from one of the second plurality of bidder computers ~~bidders~~ or a rejection of all bids from each of the second plurality of bidder computers ~~bidders~~ occurs;

for each select bidder computer,

 sending one or more bids from the select bidder computer to the auctioneer computer;

 sending one or more auctioneer bids from the auctioneer computer to the select bidder computer; and

 receiving an agreement or a termination of bidding from one of the auctioneer computer or the select bidder computer.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The method of claim 7, wherein the auctioneer computer represents is a seller of goods or services.

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